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 <> TAKE 1 OF 2 -- OUT OF TURN EXCERPT: MOSCOW PROGRAM ON 'GLASNOST,' <>>DRA<>>  
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(( "INTERNATIONAL SITUATION -- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS" PROGRAM  
 PRESENTED BY KONSTANTIN PATSYUK, WITH VIKTOR FILATOV, KRASNAYA  
 ZVEZDA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT; RADOMIR BOGDANOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
 OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES UNITED STATES AND CANADA INSTITUTE;  
 SERGEY PRAVDIN, IDENTIFIED AS "A COLLEAGUE"; AND KAZBEK BASIYEV,  
 MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT))

((EXCERPT)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) ((PATSYUK)) UNITS OF THE  
 SOVIET MILITARY CONTINENT ARE IN THEIR EIGHTH YEAR IN

- <> <>>AFGHANISTAN<>>. CERTAINLY, FROM TIME TO TIME ONE SHOULD RETURN TO  
 DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW AND WHY THEY ARE THERE, AND I DON'T THINK  
 THAT OUR CONVERSATION TODAY ON THIS TOPIC WILL BE THE LAST.  
 THE EDITORIAL OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF REACTION TO THE RECENT  
 ADDRESS BY OUR GUEST, THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER  
 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, COLONEL VIKTOR IVANOVICH FILATOV.  
 SPECIFICALLY, COMRADES ZHUREV FROM KALININ AND PETROVA FROM  
 NOVOSIBIRSK WRITE THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE ADDRESS WRONGLY COMPARED  
 <> EVENTS IN <>>AFGHANISTAN<>> WITH EVENTS FROM THE TIME OF WORLD WAR II,  
 DRAWING A PARALLEL BETWEEN THEM. SO NOW, VIKTOR IVANOVICH, WHAT  
 IS YOUR VIEW ON THIS?

((FILATOV)) I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY CONTRADICTION HERE.  
 AT THAT TIME, TOO, WE MADE ERRORS IN TERMS OF OUR CONDUCT ON  
 THE EVE OF THE ATTACK ON US BY FASCIST GERMANY; WE SPEAK OPENLY  
 OF THOSE. OF COURSE, YOU LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES. BUT HAVING

POSED THE QUESTION THIS WAY IN THE LETTERS, LET'S CLARIFY THE SITUATION SOMEWHAT.

JUST RECALL THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BASMAK MOVEMENT ((BASMACHESTVO)) IN OUR CENTRAL ASIA. INCIDENTALLY, THE LAST BASMAK GROUP WAS RECORDED SOMEWHERE IN 1941. WHY DID THIS STRUGGLE DRAG ON SO LONG? AMONG OTHER THINGS, BECAUSE THERE

- <> WAS A RELIABLE REAR BACKING THE BASMAKI: THE TERRITORY <>>OFEEPLE AFGHANISTAN, WHERE THE IMPERIALIST POWERS, FIRST AND FOREMOST BRITAIN, SUPPLIED THEM WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION, AND WHERE THEY TOOK COVER FROM THE STRIKES BY THE RED ARMY. THE VERY SAME  
<> THING, I THINK, IS HAPPENING TODAY AROUND <>>AFGHANISTAN<>>.

((PATSYUK)) HOW DOES ALL THAT AFFECT US? COULD YOU GIVE US MORE DETAIL, PLEASE.

- ((FILATOV)) HERE I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE DOCUMENTS AND FACTS OF THE PERIOD AT WHICH WE SENT IN THE LIMITED  
<> CONTINGENT IN <>>AFGHANISTAN<>>. AFTER THE APRIL REVOLUTION OF 1978, THE REPUBLIC WAS SUBJECTED TO A FIERCE ONSLAUGHT FROM EXTERNAL ENEMIES. THIS ONSLAUGHT BECAME STRONGER PARTICULARLY WHEN, IN THE SPRING OF 1979, U.S. IMPERIALISM LOST ITS POSITIONS IN IRAN. MILITARY CAMPS WERE DEPLOYED ON PAKISTAN'S TERRITORY TO TRAIN MILITARY FORMATIONS. THESE MILITARY FORMATIONS WERE  
<> IMMEDIATELY REDEPLOYED TO <>>AFGHANISTAN<>>, TO CARRY OUT COMBAT OPERATIONS AGAINST THE REPUBLIC. THE COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP, WITH THE AIM OF REPELLING THE IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION FROM WITHOUT, REQUESTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION FURNISH URGENT MORAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THIS ASSISTANCE IS LEGAL AND COMPETENT. IT IS TOTALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE TREATY ON FRIENDSHIP, GOODNEIGHBORLINESS, AND COOPERATION SIGNED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES IN DECEMBER 1978. IT IS ALSO IN FULL ACCORD WITH ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER, WHICH ENVISIONS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF STATES TO COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL SELF-DEFENSE FOR THE PURPOSES OF REBUFFING AGGRESSION.

- IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVENTS OF MARCH AND APRIL ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDERS, THESE WORDS FROM THE UN CHARTER ARTICLE RELATE NOT ONLY  
<> TO <>>AFGHANISTAN<>>, BUT ALSO TO OUR COUNTRY, AND NOW, AGAIN IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVENTS OF 8 MARCH AND 9 APRIL, WE SHOULD ASK OURSELVES: WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDER IF, EVEN WITH  
<> THE EXISTENCE OF OUR MILITARY CONTINGENT ON <>>AFGHAN<>> TERRITORY, WHEN ATTACKS WERE BEING MADE ON OUR TERRITORY, OUR PEOPLE WERE DYING, AND OUR HOUSES BEING DESTROYED?

- IN THE LIGHT OF THESE EVENTS, MY COMPARISON BETWEEN OUR SOLDIERS AND INTERNATIONALISTS AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR DOES NOT SEEM SO LAME. I THINK GENERALLY THAT IN  
<> OUR INTERNATIONALIST SOLDIERS IN <>>AFGHANISTAN<>> WE HAVE TODAY A NEW, YOUNG WAVE OF FRONTLINERS. THAT IS HOW WE HAVE TO SEE THEM.

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